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Obama Begins Selling Trans-Pacific Partnership

President Barack Obama meets with agriculture and business leaders, Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2015, Agriculture Department in Washington. An ambitious trade pact involving the U.S. and 11 other nations is a major victory for President Barack Obama but has the potential to create a rift among Democrats and cause friction with a key base of their political support, the nation's labor unions.

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Russia, US plan another talk to avoid air conflicts in Syria

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NAVAL AIR STATION SIGONELLA, Italy (AP) —

Russia has informed the United States that Moscow is willing to continue talks to ensure that the two countries' aircraft don't interfere with each other over Syria, senior U.S. military officials said Tuesday.

But a Russian defense official said the talks should be much broader than what the Pentagon is seeking.

Pentagon spokesman Peter Cook said a response to the Pentagon's request for talks came through the U.S. Embassy in Moscow and reached U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter while he was flying from Moron Air Base in Spain to Sigonella, Italy.

"We look forward to the formal response from the Russians and learning the details," Cooke said. "We stand ready to meet again to continue our earlier discussion as soon as possible."

Earlier Tuesday, Carter had called on Russian leaders to contact the Pentagon immediately to discuss Moscow's military activities in Syria, reflecting urgent concerns about Russian aircraft violating Turkish airspace. NATO on Monday denounced Russia for "irresponsible behavior" for allowing its warplanes to cross into Turkey.

Russian Deputy Defense Minister Anatoly Antonov said the Russians want broad discussions on international cooperation between Russia and the U.S.-led coalition fighting the Islamic State.

"Regrettably, the Americans would like to limit our cooperation to technical issues relating to interaction between our pilots while on relevant missions," Antonov said Tuesday.

"The Americans have handed us a document, on which we are working," he said.

U.S. and Russian officials met once by video conference late last week, before the incursion into the airspace of Turkey, which bor-

ders Syria. Carter said the U.S. has been waiting for a second meeting on how to avoid any accidents or miscalculations in the increasingly crowded skies over Syria.

Turkey, a NATO member, mentioned only one Russian intrusion over the weekend, but the military alliance said a second Russian jet also violated Turkish airspace Sunday. The airspace violations triggered immediate outrage from the alliance.

Russia insisted the first incursion was a mistake and says it had nothing to do with the second one.

Carter and other NATO defense ministers are expected to discuss how to deal with the problem when they meet in Brussels later this week.

The U.S.-led coalition has been routinely conducting airstrikes on Islamic State militants in Syria.

Russia says the airstrikes it began last week are directed against the Islamic State group, as well as al-Qaida's Syrian affiliates. But the U.S. and France say at least some of the strikes appear to have hit Western-backed rebel factions fighting government troops, with the real goal of protecting Syrian President Bashar Assad.

U.S. officials have been critical of Russia's entrance into the Syrian conflict and Carter said the latest issues will cause the U.S. to further strengthen its posture against Moscow.

During the videoconference with the Russians on Thursday, Elissa Slotkin, who represented the U.S. side, raised concerns about the Russian airstrikes targeting areas where there are few if any Islamic State militants operating. Slotkin is the acting assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs.

The meeting was aimed at making sure there are no conflicts, collisions or other problems as the U.S.-led coalition and the Russians fly over Syria. A key concern is the prospect of the U.S. and

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U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, left, meets with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in New York. Russia has informed the United States that Moscow is willing to continue talks to ensure that the two countries' aircraft don't interfere with each other over Syria, senior U.S. military officials said Tuesday.

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Russia getting drawn into a shooting war in the event that Russian warplanes hit

moderate Syrian rebels who have been trained and equipped by the U.S.

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Obama Begins Selling Trans-Pacific Partnership



President Barack Obama speaks during a meeting with agriculture and business leaders at the Agriculture Department in Washington, Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2015. Sitting with Obama, from left are, Victoria Espinel, CEO The Software Alliance, left, and Bob Stallman Jr., right, president American Farm Bureau.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Negotiations over the complex trade deal took more than five years. On Tuesday, President Barack Obama began what may be a similarly difficult task — selling the Trans-Pacific Partnership to Congress and the American public. Obama met with business and agricultural leaders at the Department of Agriculture. The site of the meeting reflects the urgency that farm groups have attached to the deal to remove tariffs and other trade barriers that would

increase exports ranging from meat and poultry to grains and cotton. Obama emphasized that the deal would eliminate or reduce more than 18,000 tariffs that participating countries impose on U.S. exports. The reduction of those tariffs will lower the price that international consumers pay for U.S. goods. For example, Obama said Japan currently puts a 38 percent tax on American beef and Malaysia currently puts a 30 percent tax on American auto parts. "If the tariffs are down, if the taxes are down on goods made in America,

that means U.S. companies are investing here and are able to sell over there without a disadvantage. That's what American leadership looks like in the 21st century," Obama told reporters at the end of the closed-door meeting. Leaders of trade groups representing the film, travel and technology industries were among those who attended the meeting with Obama and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. One of the administration's selling points is that it will put pressure on China to match various safeguards and openness to competi-

tion that's written into the agreement.

"Under this agreement, we, rather than countries like China, are writing the rules for the global economy," Obama said.

It will be weeks before the full scope of the agreement announced Monday is known, but several labor groups are worried that it will result in American jobs sent to countries with lower wages and less stringent labor and environmental standards. A congressional vote on the pact is not expected to occur until well into next year, providing the unions with the chance to maximize leverage with lawmakers coveting their support. The president has to wait 90 days before signing the pact, and only then will Congress begin the process of voting on it. Approval of the deal would give Obama a legacy-defining victory. To achieve a victory, Obama will need help from Republicans and will need to overcome doubts from a key Democratic constituency. In the hours after the trade deal was announced, some union leaders made clear that a candidate's stance on the Trans-Pacific Partnership will determine whether he or she can expect support. While unions have lost political clout as their numbers have declined, their political action committees donated more than \$60 mil-

lion to campaigns during the 2012 elections. About 90 percent of that money went toward Democratic candidates, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. Chris Shelton, president of the Communications Workers of America, whose members include customer service reps and computer technicians, said the union will "hold accountable those members of Congress who support this giveaway to the 1 percent." Among the Democratic candidates running for president, Sen. Bernie Sanders, an independent, moved quickly to voice his opposition.

"Wall Street and big corporations just won a big victory. Now it's on us to stop the #TPP from becoming law," Sanders tweeted.

Another Democratic candidate, former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, has been highly critical of the trade pact in recent months.

Hillary Rodham Clinton has not yet taken a stance on the deal. The full text of the agreement is not yet available for public reading.

The TPP is designed to encourage trade among the United States, Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam. The pact would reduce tariffs in the participating nations in a bid to open markets. □

South Carolina sees sun, but flooding ordeal far from over



Polly Sim sorts through belongings outside her mother's flooded home in Columbia, S.C., on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2015. More than 3 feet of water inundated the town home, destroying furniture and keepsakes and washing away a garden maintained by Sim's mother Rankin Craig, who was Miss South Carolina 1954.

(AP Photo/Jay Reeves)

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COLUMBIA, South Carolina (AP) — The Carolinas saw sunshine Tuesday after days of inundation, but it could take weeks to recover from being pummeled by a historic rainstorm that caused widespread flooding and 17 deaths. Tuesday was the first dry day since Sept. 24 in South Carolina's state capital, Columbia, where a midnight-to-6 a.m. curfew was in effect. But officials warned that new evacuations could come as the huge mass of water flows toward the sea, threatening dams and displacing residents along the way. Of particular concern was the Lowcountry, where the Santee, Edisto and other rivers make their way to the sea. Gov. Nikki Haley warned that several rivers were rising and had yet to reach their peaks. "God smiled on South Carolina because the sun is out. That is a good sign, but ... we still have to be cautious," Haley said Tuesday after taking an aerial tour. "What I saw was disturbing." At least 15 weather-related deaths in South Carolina and two in North Carolina were blamed on

the vast rainstorm. Six people drowned in their cars in Columbia, and several died after driving around safety barriers onto flooded roads. Flooding is a concern for any urban area, where concrete covers soil that would otherwise act as a sponge in heavy rain. But the multitude of waterways in Columbia — where the Broad and Saluda rivers come together to form the Congaree — made the city a prime target. Georgetown, one of America's oldest cities, sits on the coast at the confluence of four rivers. The historic downtown flooded over the weekend, and its ordeal wasn't over yet. In Effingham, east of Columbia, the Lynches River was at nearly 20 feet (six meters) on Tuesday — five feet (1.5 meters) above flood stage. Water distribution was a challenge. In the region around Columbia, as many as 40,000 homes lacked drinking water, and Mayor Steve Benjamin said 375,000 water customers will likely have to boil their water before drinking or cooking for "quite some time." The power grid was returning to normal after nearly 30,000 customers lost electricity.

Roads and bridges were taking longer to restore: Some 200 engineers were inspecting about 470 spots that remained closed Tuesday, including a 75-mile (120-kilometer) stretch of Interstate 95 that connects the southeastern U.S. to the northeast. Much-feared Hurricane Joaquin missed the U.S. East Coast, but fueled what experts at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration called a "fire hose" of tropical moisture that aimed directly at the state. Authorities have made hundreds of water rescues since then, lifting people and animals to safety. About 800 people were in two-dozen shelters, but the governor expects that number to rise. □

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Texas:

Inmate set for execution for killing man in \$8 robbery

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Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A Texas inmate set to die Tuesday for killing another man in a Houston robbery that yielded just \$8 has not had any late appeals filed on his behalf.

Juan Martin Garcia was convicted of capital murder for the September 1998 killing and robbery of Hugo Solano, a Christian missionary from Mexico who had moved his family to Texas just weeks earlier so his children could be educated in the U.S.

Garcia acknowledges shooting Solano but denies the robbery, an accompanying felony that made it a capital case. The inmate, who was linked to at least eight aggravated robberies and two attempted murders in the weeks before and after Solano's death, also insists that jurors unfairly penalized him because he didn't take the witness stand in his own defense at trial.

The U.S. Supreme Court refused to review Garcia's case in March. The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, in a 5-2 vote, refused a clemency request from Garcia last week.



Death row inmate Juan Garcia is photographed in a visiting cage at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Polunsky Unit near Livingston, Texas.
(AP Photo/Mike Graczyk)

"If it's God's will, it's his will," Garcia, 35, told The Associated Press last month in a prison interview near Livingston. His lethal injection in Hunts-

ville would be the 11th this year in Texas, which carries out capital punishment more than any other U.S. state. Three more executions are scheduled in up-

coming weeks.

Evidence at Garcia's 2000 trial and testimony from a companion identified him as the ringleader of four men involved in the shooting and robbery. The slaying and string of other violent crimes tied to Garcia, who was 18 at the time, convinced a jury he should be put to death.

Garcia, his two cousins and another man had already carried out a carjacking when they spotted Solano early on Sept. 17, 1998, getting into his van to go to work. Solano's relatives said the 36-year-old, who did Christian missionary work in Guadalajara, Mexico, had moved with his wife to Houston weeks earlier so their children could get an education in the U.S. Eleazar Mendoza, who was sentenced to 55 years in prison for aggravated robbery, testified that Garcia approached Solano and pointed a gun. Mendoza said Garcia ordered Solano to surrender his money then shot him when he refused.

Garcia said Mendoza came up with the idea to rob Solano and that Solano escalated the confrontation by resisting. □

Judge tosses conviction in '90 NY killing

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A man imprisoned for a quarter-century in a notorious tourist killing was granted a new trial Tuesday when a judge overturned his conviction in a case that helped crystallize an era of crime and fear in the nation's biggest city. Johnny Hincapie, a Colombian immigrant, broke into sobs as he heard the decision to throw out his conviction in a subway-platform mugging that killed Utah tourist Brian Watkins as Watkins defended his parents. State Supreme Court Justice Eduardo Padro cited new evidence; Hincapie's lawyers had presented new testimony from two witnesses saying he wasn't involved in the crime. Padro stopped short of declaring Hincapie innocent, as he and his lawyers had hoped the judge might, but agreed to release him on \$1 bail while awaiting a retrial. "After 25 years of suffering, after 25 years of injustice, after 25 years of sleepless nights, God just revealed his justice," said Hincapie's father, Carlos. His son couldn't immediately be freed because of an immigration complication, which his lawyers are working to resolve.

Prosecutors said they were weighing whether to appeal the ruling and were committed to retrying the case, if necessary.

"We regret the fact that retrying the case would subject the family of Mr. Watkins to testifying at another trial, reopening old wounds and forcing them to relive the horror of that night 25 years ago," Manhattan district attorney's office spokeswoman Joan Vollero said in a statement. □

Police:

Boy, 11, mistakenly kills brother, 12, in gun outing

CARROLLTON, Ohio (AP) — An 11-year-old boy fatally shot his 12-year-old brother during a target-shooting outing in eastern Ohio, the local sheriff said Tuesday. The shooting occurred while the boys from Moore, South Carolina, were with a man visiting a friend's property in rural Lee Township, roughly 50 miles (80 kilometers) west of Pittsburgh, Carroll County Sher-

iff Dale Williams said. The sheriff said the men had three loaded weapons on a picnic table Friday afternoon and were discussing one when the younger boy picked up one of the guns and it fired. The older boy was struck in the head and died at the scene. No one else was hurt. The county coroner told The (Canton) Repository

newspaper that an autopsy would be conducted. Williams said Tuesday that the shooting appears accidental and no criminal charges had been filed, but authorities confiscated all the weapons. "It's accidental at this time, but we're not done with the investigation," Williams said. He said the Akron-area man who owns the near-

ly 100-acre (40-hectare) property called the emergency dispatcher after the shooting and was interviewed by investigators, as were the other man and the 11-year-old boy. Investigators were told the boys were adopted, but Williams said he couldn't confirm if or how they were related to the adult visitor, who also was from South Carolina. □



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Oregon shooter's mother wrote about guns in online forum



An Oregon State Patrol Trooper walks the grounds of Umpqua Community College near Roseburg, Ore. Tuesday Oct. 6, 2015 in the aftermath of the mass shooting on the Roseburg campus. (Chris Pietsch/The Register-Guard via AP)

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PORTLAND, Oregon (AP)
The mother of a gunman who killed nine people and himself at an Oregon

community college allowed her troubled son to have guns and acknowledged in online posts that he struggled with autism, but she didn't seem to know he was potentially

violent. The online writings by Laurel Harper date from a year ago to nine years ago and offer fresh insight into the gunman, 26-year-old Christopher Harper-

Mercer, and his relationship with his mother.

The Associated Press didn't speak with Harper about the postings, but in them she offered an email address that is linked to her. Harper and son shared an apartment outside Roseburg. Investigators have recovered 14 firearms six found at Umpqua Community College, where the killings occurred, and eight at the apartment. Neighbors of the mother and son in California, where they lived before moving to Oregon in 2013, have said Harper-Mercer and his mother would go target shooting together.

Investigators say Harper-Mercer's mother has told them the son was struggling with some mental health issues.

In her online postings, Laurel Harper talked about her love of guns and her son's emotional troubles but there are no hints of

worry that he could become violent.

"I keep two full mags in my Glock case. And the ARs & AKs all have loaded mags. No one will be 'dropping' by my house uninvited without acknowledgment," reads a 3-year-old posting.

She was referring to a Glock handgun and to military-style rifles. A Glock and a military-style rifle were among the weapons seized after the Roseburg shooting rampage.

Laurel Harper wrote in another posting: "I love the long guns & I have an AK-47 en route." She complained about gun-control efforts in "lame states." She posted several times that her son had Asperger's syndrome, a mild form of autism.

One posting reads: "He's no babbling idiot nor is his life worthless. He's very intelligent and is working on a career in filmmaking." □

Thousands of US drug inmates set for early release

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of federal inmates serving sentences for drug crimes are set for early release next month under a cost-cutting measure intended to reduce the U.S. prison population. The more than 5,500 inmates set to go free in November are among the first of what could eventually be tens of thousands

eligible for release. The U.S. Sentencing Commission voted last year to retroactively apply substantially lower recommended sentences for those convicted of drug-related felonies. The commission, an independent panel that sets federal sentencing policy, estimated the prison terms would be cut by an average of 25 months.

Under the program, a judge reviews each prisoner's case to decide if his or her release would jeopardize public safety. Most of those eligible for consideration have already served 10 years or more. The Justice Department estimates that roughly 40,000 prisoners could benefit from the program in the coming years.

The changes are part of a national bipartisan effort to rethink decades-long sentences for drug offenders, who are roughly half the federal prison population. Reform advocates have long criticized sentencing disparities rooted in 1980s War on Drugs legislation that targeted crack cocaine. The Justice Department issued new clemency

criteria last year designed to encourage thousands of additional inmates to seek an early release. Two years ago, then-Attorney General Eric Holder directed federal prosecutors to avoid seeking mandatory minimum sentences — which limit the discretion of judges to impose shorter sentences — for nonviolent drug offenders. □

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Car bombers claimed by IS kill 15 in Yemen's Aden

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SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Suicide car bombings targeting exiled Yemeni officials and the Saudi and Emirati troops backing their efforts to retake the country killed at least 15 people Tuesday in the port city of Aden, authorities said. A new Islamic State affiliate claimed responsibility for the assault, which officials earlier blamed on Yemen's Shiite rebels.

The addition of the extremist Islamic State group, which holds a third of Syria and Iraq in its self-declared "caliphate," only would add further chaos to the civil war gripping the Arab world's poorest country. Up until Tuesday, the Sunni

extremists largely targeted Shiites in Yemen as a myriad of forces fought over the ouster of internationally recognized President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi by the Shiite rebels known as Houthis.

The early morning attack on the Al Qasr Hotel & Resort, a large compound that Yemeni officials use as a headquarters, likely changed that. A blast struck the front of the 239-room hotel along the Arabian Sea, west of the port city's downtown, sending thick black smoke rising over it for hours as sirens wailed.

Two other attacks followed on locations used by troops from the United Arab Emirates, which has the most overt presence among



Smoke rises following an explosion that hit Hotel al-Qasr where Cabinet members and other government officials are staying, in the southern port city of Aden, Yemen, Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2015. (AP Photo/Wael Qubady)

coalition forces inside Yemen. Those assaults hit the palace of Sheikh Fareed Al Awlaqi, which Emirati troops and the Emirati Red Crescent had been using, as well as a nearby coalition military camp, the state-owned The National newspaper of Abu Dhabi reported. The United Arab Emirates' official WAM news agency quoted unnamed "informed sources and witnesses" as saying

the attacks killed 15 people, including allied Yemeni forces. The general command of the UAE's armed forces said the dead included four Emirati soldiers, though the Saudi Press Agency said three Emiratis and one Saudi died. The discrepancy could not be reconciled.

Rajeh Badi, a spokesman for Yemen's exiled government, said all government ministers and the prime

minister were safe and unhurt. He blamed suicide car bombers for the attacks.

That conflicted with the official Saudi Press Agency, which blamed incoming Russian-designed Katyusha rockets for the blasts. Those rockets are part of the Yemeni military stockpile that the Houthis, as well as al-Qaida's local branch in the country, have seized amid the war's chaos. □

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Iraq: IS claims wave of attacks that killed 56

BAGHDAD (AP) — The Islamic State group claimed responsibility on Tuesday for a series of attacks that rocked different parts of Iraq and killed at least 56 people the night before. The extremist group said a suicide bomber blew up his explosives-laden car among Shiite militia members in the Shiite-majority town of al-Khales in the country's eastern Diyala province. Iraqi officials said the attack hit a commercial area, killing at least

32 people and wounding 58 others. It added that militants also detonated a car bomb in Baghdad's northeastern neighborhood of Husseinia that killed at least 14 people and wounded 25 others. The group also claimed responsibility for an attack on Shiites in Basra's southwest suburb of al-Zubair, killing at least 10 people. The Sunni-dominated al-Zubair is located 50 kilometers (31 miles) southwest of Basra. The Associated Press could

not immediately verify the authenticity of the statements, issued on different Twitter accounts, but its language and phrasing is consistent with past IS claims of responsibility. IS controls large swaths of Iraq's north and west, including its second-largest city of Mosul and most of Anbar province. It regularly targets Shiite neighborhoods and government installations in an effort to destabilize the Shiite-led government in Baghdad. □

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Ukraine rebels to delay local election, sidestep tense topic



A column of Pro-Russian rebel tanks prepare to move from the front line near Oleksandrivka, Luhansk region, eastern Ukraine. Officials in rebel-controlled eastern Ukraine announced Tuesday they will postpone local elections. (AP Photo)

MOSCOW (AP) — Officials in rebel-controlled eastern Ukraine announced Tuesday they will postpone local elections that were going to be held shortly, sidestepping a contentious issue that had blocked progress toward a resolution for the war in Ukraine.

Ukraine's president and Russian lawmakers hailed the move as a step toward peace. More than 8,000 people have been killed since April 2014 during fighting between Ukrainian government troops and the Russia-backed separatists.

A statement Tuesday from Denis Pushilin and Vladislav Deinego said the rebel-run areas of Donetsk and Luhansk provinces would put off their local votes until Feb. 21. The two men are the rebel envoys to the Minsk Group peace talks mediated by the Organi-

zation for Security and Co-operation in Europe. Donetsk had planned an election on Oct. 18 and Luhansk was going to vote on Nov. 1.

In exchange for postponing the vote, the separatists say Ukraine must grant a special status to the mostly Russian-speaking region, broadly called Donbass, as envisioned by Minsk peace accord. "This paves the way for Ukraine's return to Donbass by helping to conduct the election in accordance with Ukrainian law, on the basis of OSCE standards and certainly without the occupation forces," Ukrainian President

Petro Poroshenko said.

U.S. State Department spokesman Mark Toner also welcomed the rebels' decision.

"People living in separatist-controlled areas deserve to pick their local officials in elections that meet international standards, are compliant with Ukrainian law and monitored by the OSCE," he told reporters in Washington.

Leonid Slutsky, a top member of the foreign affairs committee in Russia's parliament, said he welcomed the move "but I have doubts about how much capacity Poroshenko has to fulfill his obligations." □

After weeks of unrest, Palestinian leader Abbas appeals for calm

JOSEF FEDERMAN
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas called Tuesday for calm after several weeks of heightened unrest with Israel, saying his people had no interest in any further "escalation" and urging renewed dialogue. The comments marked the Palestinian leader's strongest attempt yet to restore calm after the worst outbreak of fighting in months, and came as Israeli Prime Minister Ben-

jamin Netanyahu vowed to take even tougher measures to quell the violence. The clashes erupted three weeks ago at the start of the Jewish new year and have turned more violent in recent days. Four Israelis were killed last week in shooting and stabbing attacks in Jerusalem and the West Bank, while Israeli forces have killed four Palestinians, including a 13-year-old boy, amid violent protests. Both Abbas and Netan-

yahu are dealing with precarious domestic situations as they try to find a way out of the crisis. Netanyahu is under heavy pressure, particularly from hard-liners in his governing coalition, to respond with a tough crackdown. Abbas, fed up with years of diplomatic paralysis and unpopular with his public, does not want to appear to be caving in to Israeli pressure. Yet neither man has an interest in seeing the violence spin out of control. □

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Yacht missing with 2 Britons, American, Canadian, Filipino

JIM GOMEZ

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP)

— A yacht carrying two Britons, an American, a Canadian and a Filipino disappeared while sailing in waters that were lashed by a storm last week, the Philippine coast guard said Tuesday.

Tuesday.

A coast guard search team on a plane Tuesday spotted what appeared to be a floating body, orange objects and an oil slick in the high seas about 400 kilometers (250 miles) west of the northwestern Philippine city of Laoag, but it has yet

to confirm if they were from the yacht Europa, coast guard spokesman Cmdr. Armand Balilo said. Hong Kong and the Philippines have dispatched planes and alerted ships in the area. The British embassy in Manila confirmed two of its nationals were on board.

“We are liaising urgently with the local authorities concerning search and rescue operations and providing support to the families,” it said in a statement. The 18.2-meter (60-foot) yacht left Hong Kong on Thursday and was supposed to arrive in Subic

Bay northwest of Manila not later than Monday. An emergency position-indicating radio beacon on the boat was activated Saturday, indicating the vessel was experiencing difficulties, the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club said in a statement. □

Taliban attack police HQ in embattled Afghan city

RAHIM FAIEZ

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)

— Fighting erupted anew in the embattled northern Afghan city of Kunduz on Tuesday after the Taliban attacked a police headquarters overnight and officials warned that food and other emergency aid cannot get through to the city. The clashes and the dire warnings underscored the tenuous hold authorities have on Kunduz, a strategic city whose brief fall to the Taliban last week was an embarrassing blow to President Ashraf Ghani. The Afghan government has also been criticized for ignoring warnings of the city’s vulnerability to Taliban attack.

The bombing early Saturday of a hospital in Kun-



Afghan security forces and volunteer militias rest on their way to Kunduz, Afghanistan to fight against Taliban fighters. Fighting erupted anew in Kunduz on Tuesday after the Taliban attacked a police headquarters overnight and officials warned that food and other emergency aid cannot get through to the city.
(AP Photos/Naim Rahimi)

duz operated by Doctors Without Borders — in which at least 22 people were killed — has raised wider questions as to the circum-

stances that led to the prominent medical charity being hit in a U.S. airstrike. Joanne Liu, the president of Doctors Without Borders,

continued the charity’s harsh criticism of the U.S. and Afghan military and civilian authorities with a statement reiterating as-

sertions that the bombing of the hospital was deliberate.

“Statements from the Afghanistan government have claimed that Taliban forces were using the hospital to fire on coalition forces. These statements imply that Afghan and U.S. forces working together decided to raze to the ground a fully functioning hospital, which amounts to an admission of a war crime,” Liu said in a statement Tuesday.

At least 12 staff and 10 patients, including three children, were killed in the bombing, and 37 people were injured, including 19 staffers, the group has said. The incident is being investigated, with preliminary results expected in the coming days. □

Indian cleric aims to stop Muslim youth from joining IS

NIRMALA GEORGE

Associated Press

NEW DELHI (AP)

— The chief cleric of Bangalore’s main mosque said Tuesday that he has advised the heads of hundreds of mosques in India’s technology hub to actively counter propaganda by extremist Islamic groups by reaching out to young people in colleges and on social media.

Mohamed Maqsood Imran, chief cleric of the

city’s Jamia Masjid, said he is urging Muslim clerics to alert young men and their families about attempts by groups such as Islamic State to recruit them.

Imran said he wants Muslim leaders to caution people about the agenda of Islamic State extremists.

“The message we want to convey is that Islam stands for humanity and not violence and intolerance,” Imran said by telephone

from Bangalore.

“Many young people today are going astray. It is our duty to prevent them from being misled,” he said.

In his letter, written in the Urdu language, Imran said the Prophet had warned against the killing of women, children, old people and unarmed men. “Then how can the bombing and killing of innocent people be justified?”

India’s approximately 180 million Muslims generally hold moderate views and have opposed the extreme practices of the Islamic State group and al-Qaida. Muslims constitute about 14 percent of India’s population of about 1.3 billion.

However, in recent months, there have been concerns that extremist groups are trying to recruit fighters from among Indian Mus-

lims. Last month, more than 1,000 Muslim clerics in India ratified a religious edict condemning the Islamic State group, calling its actions un-Islamic.

Over the past few months, Indian authorities have stopped around two dozen young people from leaving the country allegedly to join Islamic State fighters. Officials say they have evidence that 17 Indians have joined the group. □

Aruba Aloe Invites the Community to Team Up in the Fight Against Breast Cancer



ORANJESTAD - This October, as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Aruba Aloe will launch its annual "Because We Care, We Share" campaign to support Aruba's Mary Joan Foundation and promote breast cancer awareness. With every purchase of \$75, Aruba Aloe will donate \$4.50 to the Mary Joan Foundation. The purchaser will receive a free special "125-year-Anniversary-edition Ultra-Intensive Cream" as a gift (value of \$18) for their contribution, as well as a pink breast cancer

awareness ribbon to show their support and spread awareness within the local community.

□Breast cancer is by far the most common cancer in women worldwide. One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. Since 2008, worldwide breast cancer incidence has increased by more than 20 percent while mortality has increased by 14 percent. One-third of cancer deaths could be decreased if detected and treated early.

Breast Cancer Awareness

Month is a chance to raise awareness about the importance of early detection of breast cancer, as well as raise funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure. Aruba Aloe will support this cause by contributing to Aruba's local breast cancer organization, the Mary Joan Foundation, which gives support to those suffering from breast cancer, breast cancer survivors, and their families and friends, and also helps spread awareness about breast cancer,

particularly the importance of early detection.

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Guatemala to investigate for those responsible for mudslide

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SANTA CATARINA PINULA, Guatemala (AP) —

The warning signs were everywhere in the canyon neighborhood of Cambray on the outskirts of Guatemala City, where a mudslide buried hundreds of people last week.

Residents lived with regular falling rocks and flooding from the adjacent Pinula River. Evelyn de Cifuentes said her mother-in-law was killed in a smaller slide in 2010 next to her own house. A November report by Guatemala's National Disaster Reduction Commission said there were "fractures in blocks of material that can indicate future slides," and people should be moved out.

But the area wasn't declared uninhabitable until Monday, four days after hundreds of people almost certainly perished when a hillside buried acres of the neighborhood. The official death count stood at 161 Tuesday, with 300 people still believed to be missing.



A man prays during the burial of five mudslide victims at the Santa Catarina Pinula cemetery on the outskirts of Guatemala City, Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2015. Prosecutors in Guatemala said Tuesday they have opened an investigation into who allowed homes to be built in an unsafe area of Cambray where a massive mudslide killed more than 100 people. (AP Photo/Moises Castillo)

The Guatemala prosecutor's office announced it will conduct an investigation into who was responsible for allowing the dangerous conditions to exist. "We will establish the degree of responsibility as best we can — who authorized construction in that

area, and whether someone didn't take appropriate action to avoid this tragedy," said prosecutor Rotman Perez of the political crimes section. Perez said all aspects are under investigation, including who was given the report from the disaster com-

mission, whether anything was done, who had jurisdiction over the area and who was collecting the taxes.

About 250 people remained in two municipal shelters barred from returning to their homes. They said they hadn't received

any information on relocation, but had been told that it's coming.

"There were slides, but just pieces," said Marco Antonio Pu, 17, now in a shelter with his family after losing their home built the year he was born. "But we never imagined one like this." Human rights prosecutor Jorge de Leon Duque said he is calling for municipal authorities to remove 50 other families still in the area. He said if it's not done, he will seek a court order.

He said similar dangerous conditions exist all over Guatemala. The disaster commission, known as Conred, says there are 8,000 threatened locations.

"We have a huge risk that this could happen again," de Leon said. "You can't authorize homes in areas with dangerous conditions."

Conred issued at least two other reports, in 2001 and 2008, identifying Cambray as high risk, commission spokesman David de Leon said. □

Mexico City investigates reports of dog poisoning at park

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Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A popular dog run in a picturesque Mexico City park remained closed Tuesday following reported cases of dog poisoning.

Orange tape surrounded the fenced-off dog area at Parque Mexico in the well-to-do Condesa neighborhood in the central part of the capital. Large banners hung on the fence warning of a "Red Alert" that dogs are being poisoned. The shady area where dogs

usually play was empty and unusually silent.

Smaller paper signs posted throughout the park by the local government advised dog owners to keep their pets on leashes while an investigation into the poisoning continued.

Several police officers standing outside the dog run said they did not know when it would reopen. One sign posted by a Facebook group on the gate had photos of nine dogs that it said had been poisoned since Sept. 29.

Javier Hidalgo, director of the environmental and mobility department for the local government, said 12 dogs had died in veterinary clinics with symptoms that could indicate poisoning and officials received reports of six other suspicious deaths.

One of those was "Daisy," described as a "mutt of the best sort" by her owner, Caroline Owen. Owen said she and her husband were aware of reports about poisoning around Parque Mexico when they were

out Friday night walking their three dogs.


She said they were vigilant and kept the dogs on leashes while limiting the walk to the park's perimeter. But at 3 a.m., they awoke to find Daisy convulsing and foaming at the mouth. The other two dogs showed no symptoms. Owen had her dead pet's body frozen and it is undergoing toxicology tests at a lab at Mexico's national university.

"It can't be a coincidence that all of a sud-

den there are so many ill dogs," Owen said. She said she had heard of similar cases at nearby Parque Espana as well. Information spread rapidly on social media. The Facebook page "Cuidando Nuestros Perritos," or "Taking Care of Our Dogs," posted photos of pets and testimonials by distraught owners. Alberto Franco Paz, who lives in the neighboring Escandon neighborhood, sat outside the dog run with his yellow Labrador retriever Jackie on Tuesday. □

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apolis, MN this October. MLT Vacations, a leading provider of vacation packages in the U.S., recently announced the winners during their annual travel agency educational and networking event. "You are the best of the best and we are proud of our partnership with you," MLT Vacations President John Caldwell told honorees during the event. "Your passion for hospitality and your commitment to delivering the highest levels of customer service are unmatched in the industry and are evident in all that

you do for our mutual customers." The Quality Assurance Award recognizes qualifying hotels, destination management companies and rental car agencies in Europe, Mexico, the Caribbean, Latin America, and the United States. For the 2015 award, data was gathered from hundreds of thousands of customers who traveled with MLT Vacations. The annual Quality Assurance Award is earned by partners that achieve a 99% customer satisfaction index and product delivery performance during the



preceding 6 months. Mary Hirschfeldt, who manages the daily operations of MLT Vacations account did a remarkable job maintaining this level of service throughout the entire year and the past years", said

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As part of the Iron Chef Aruba event: Bartenders and Wine Professionals Compete For Top Honors



EAGLE BEACH – The excitement is building for Iron Chef Aruba, the finale event of the Eat Local Restaurant Week, taking place this Thursday evening at the Alhambra Casino & Shops. Iron Chef Aruba challenges three of the island's top chefs in a three-course mystery basket format, competing live in front of an audience of 140 guests.

Guests of the event will be enjoying a four-course meal prepared by the Divi Resorts culinary team under the direction of Executive Chef Gerard Coste, while enjoying wine paired with each course by the Iron Chef Aruba Junior Wine Sommelier competitors. Representing Pepia Est. is Jimmy Koopman. Arion Wine Company will be fielding Reinier Maduro, and Fernanda Jimenez represents Romar Trading. Wine expert Franz Sydow will be judging the competitors' pairing creativity. Prior to dinner, guests will enjoy a cocktail hour downstairs at Fusion Wine Bar, where the Iron Chef Bartenders' Brawl will be contested. The local top

bartenders competing are Sandro Tromp from White Modern Cuisine, representing spirit distributor Romar Trading Company; Zulay Duran with the Gianni's Restaurant Group, representing Arion Wine Company, and Danny van der Linden with Hollywood Smokehouse, representing PepiaEst. Each bartender is tasked with creating and presenting an original cocktail, which will be voted on by guests of Iron Chef Aruba.

Produced by Island Temptations, Iron Chef Aruba is graciously sponsored by the Aruba Tourism Authority, Divi Resorts, Alhambra Casino & Shops, ASD Aruba Hotel & Restaurant Equipment Supplies, Romar Trading, Arion Wine Company, PepiaEst, U.S. Meat Export Federation, Gandelman, Ling & Sons, and Caribbean Overseas. □





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First copy of the 2016 Donkey Sanctuary Aruba Calendar given to Nico van der Zee

EAGLE BEACH - In the company of visitors, press, and of course, some donkeys, the first copy of the traditional Donkey Calendar was handed out. Desiree Eldering, on behalf of the Donkey Sanctuary, presented the 2016 calendar to Nico van der Zee, a well-known writer for the Dutch Newspaper the Amigoe. In her speech Desiree said the van der Zee regularly writes about the Aruban Donkey Sanctuary in general and especially the local donkeys. They also talked about van der Zee's daughter Elise's fundraising activities in the Netherlands during Christmas time for the Aruban donkeys. The calendar is indeed a masterpiece and presented with pride. Saskia Aanhane designed a beautiful full color calendar in A3 format and the beautiful pictures are made by Luc Peek. We would like to encourage everyone to buy one of the beautiful calendars at Superfood and, of course, at the Donkey Sanctuary in Santa Lucia. A piece of Art for only Afl 25 or \$14.50 with all proceeds going to the care of the donkeys at the Sanctuary. We say—Just do it! □





Collins, Gibbons among 4 managers making playoff debuts

MIKE FITZPATRICK
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Late in the season, as the New York Mets closed in on their NL East championship, one opponent after another sat in the visitors' dugout at Citi Field and commended manager Terry Collins.

"Real happy for T.C.," was the sentiment echoed by Atlanta skipper Fredi Gonzalez and others.

The popular Collins, at 66 the oldest manager in the majors and the consummate baseball lifer, is about to make his playoff managerial debut. He's one of four bench bosses who reached the post-season for the first time this year — each the fulfillment of a unique journey.

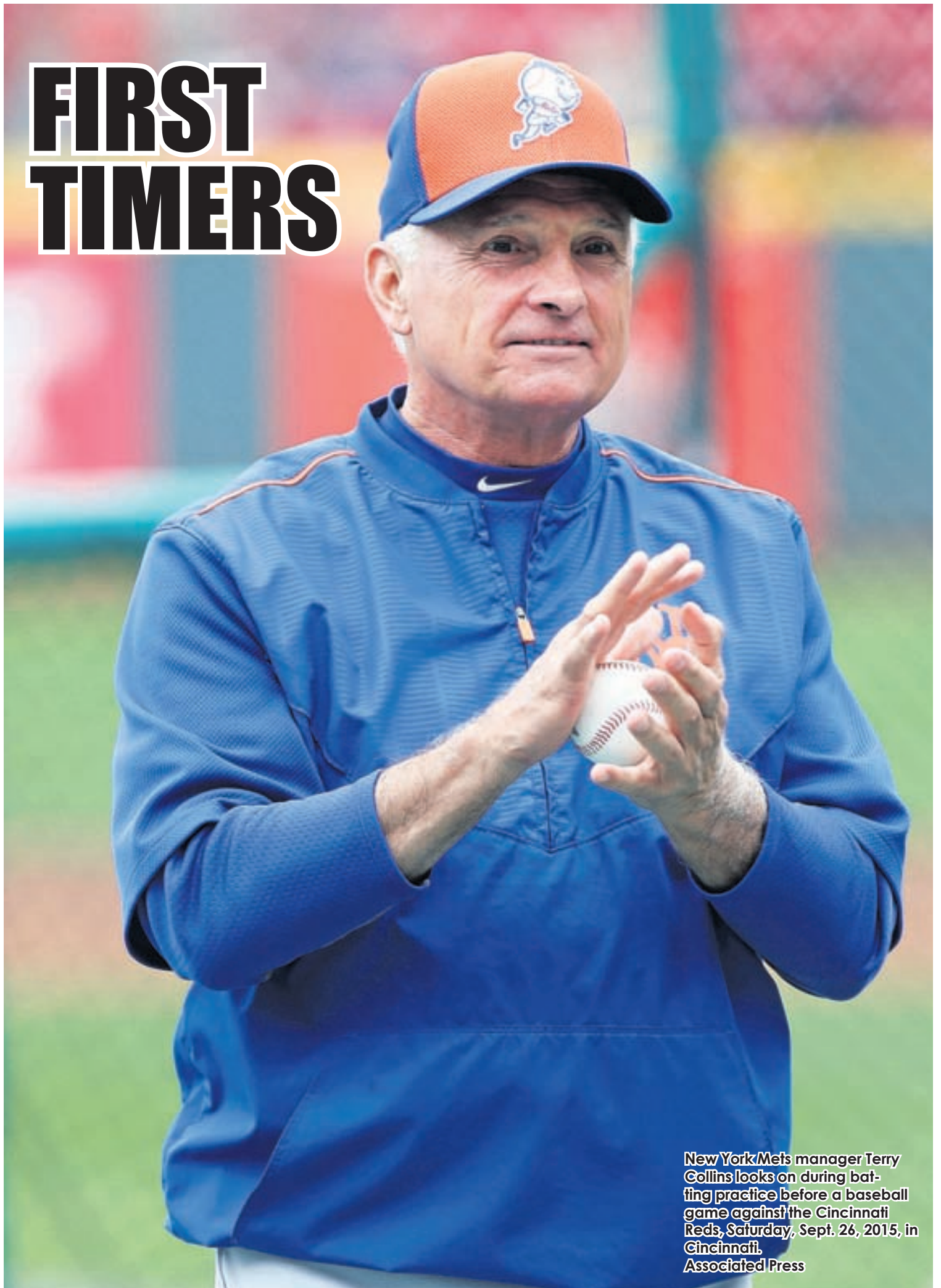
"It means a lot to me," Collins said late last week. "We sat up here and we told our fan base and our media that it's going to get better and next year we're going to win. And then to be sitting today and say we told you, it means a lot. It does."

Texas rookie Jeff Banister, Toronto retread John Gibbons and Houston whiz kid A.J. Hinch are the other managers making their initial October moves this month.

In his second stint running the Blue Jays, Gibbons finally guided them to their first playoff berth in 22 years. The AL East champs host Banister and the Rangers on Thursday in the opener of their best-of-five Division Series.

"I was able to exhale a little bit," Gibbons said. "A lot of satisfaction."

Now comes the hard part. Even the first-timers are well aware that being a novice is no picnic in the playoffs, when every pressure-packed decision gets magnified and scrutinized.



New York Mets manager Terry Collins looks on during batting practice before a baseball game against the Cincinnati Reds, Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015, in Cincinnati.
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Plenty of successful managers, from Casey Stengel and Grady Little years ago to Matt Williams and Ned Yost just last season, have been widely criticized — even vilified — for fateful moves gone wrong.

This time of year, fans are not forgiving.

"The first thing you have to do is forget about the regular season," said Hall of Fame hockey coach Scotty Bowman, who chatted with Gibbons behind the batting cage Saturday before the Blue Jays faced Tampa Bay. "The way you played in the season is probably not going to be good enough. You've got to be a little better."

Bowman won a record nine Stanley Cups. Meanwhile, Collins and the rest of this year's playoff neophytes have been working their entire careers to earn one shot at a World Series ring.

"I'm a baseball guy and I'm a baseball development guy," said Collins, who leads the Mets against the Dodgers beginning Friday night in Los Angeles. "This summer, all I did was write the lineup and try to keep the clubhouse a fun place to be, and it worked out. So I was pretty happy the other day when we



Toronto Blue Jays manager John Gibbons celebrates after winning the first baseball game of a doubleheader against the Baltimore Orioles, Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2015, in Baltimore. Toronto won 15-2 to clinch the American League East.

Associated Press

won that thing."

Hinch gets the first crack at winning in the playoffs when his surprising Astros play at Yankee Stadium in the AL wild-card game Tuesday night.

"Octobers usually come through New York. At least they have in my career," he said Monday.

Hinch was 34 and by far the youngest manager in the majors when the Stanford graduate took over the Arizona Diamondbacks in 2009.

With no previous experi-

ence in that role, his ineffective tenure didn't last long. But he's been a big hit this year in his first season piloting the young Astros.

"Very open door. Very much a player's manager. For us, that's great. We need a guy like that, that lets us play," Houston ace Dallas Keuchel said. "Kind of a trial by fire, but he has our backs. That's what he's done all year."

Collins' career could hardly be more opposite. He managed in Japan and Venezuela, Vero Beach

and Buffalo. He coached with Tampa Bay, scouted for the Chicago Cubs and spent more than a decade all told with the Dodgers during separate stints in their storied farm system.

Along the way, the diminutive pepper pot developed a fiery reputation and seemingly crossed paths with almost everyone in baseball. Still, he likes to joke about how his wife calls him an "idiot" whenever a pinch hitter or pitching change backfires.

Collins managed Triple-A Albuquerque to a 1987 championship in the Pacific Coast League. But until now, his only chance to wear a big league uniform in the postseason came as mentor Jim Leyland's bullpen coach with the 1992 Pittsburgh Pirates.

Once he got his opportunity to manage in the majors,

Collins finished in second place five times during the 1990s, his Astros and Angels teams squandering several late leads.

This time around, New York made needed moves to upgrade its muddling offense before the July 31 trade deadline. Given enough talent to win for the first time in his five-year tenure, Collins steered the Mets expertly as Yoenis Cespedes and Co. wiped out heavily favored Washington to claim the club's first playoff spot since 2006. "In my years of managing in the major leagues, I never had these kind of changes on my team, and I was in pennant races for five straight years until the last week," Collins said.

"Now I see what the difference can make. I certainly wish I would have known that at those times because I would have pushed a lot harder to make some moves."

Nevertheless, his task with the Mets has been a complicated challenge. New York often juggled its rotation down the stretch to rest its prized young pitchers — front-office decisions that sometimes ran counter to Collins' old-school instincts.

"He says things when he needs to, but he's definitely not on us all the time," Mets outfielder Curtis Granderson said. "Let's us go ahead and learn from our bruises — all right, we fell down, we've got to find a way to pick ourselves back up."

Entering his first postseason as a manager, that's one move Collins mastered long ago. □

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Royals to give Ventura start in Game 1 of ALDS

DAVE SKRETTA

AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) —

The Royals will start hard-throwing youngster Yordano Ventura in Game 1 of the AL Division Series, regardless of whether Kansas City plays the Yankees or Astros on Thursday night. Royals manager Ned Yost announced his starter before Tuesday's workout at Kauffman Stadium. Johnny Cueto will pitch the second game and Edinson Volquez will start Game 3, with the rest of the rotation to be announced only if Games 4 and 5 are necessary.

"For us, the last two weeks, three weeks, all three of those guys have been throwing the ball good," Yost said. "Ventura has been excellent in his last six, seven starts."

And we wanted to keep everybody on five days' rest. We thought that would work out best for us." The 24-year-old Ventura weathered a rollercoaster year that saw him briefly banished to Triple-A Omaha. But the star of Game 6 of last year's World Series rebounded down the stretch, flashing his 100 mph fastball while going 4-1 with a 3.14 ERA in seven starts in September.

He allowed one run and four hits over seven innings — striking out 11 — on Saturday in Minnesota.

That string of success earned Ventura the Game 1 nod over the 29-year-old Cueto, whom many expected to anchor the Royals' playoff rotation when he was acquired from Cincinnati in July.

Kansas City Royals pitcher Yordano Ventura throws against the Minnesota Twins in the first inning of a baseball game, Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015, in Minneapolis.

Associated Press



But while Cueto has pitched better his last four outings, he went through a long slump in late August and early September. Throw in the fact he is just 0-2 with a 5.19 ERA in three playoff starts with the Reds, and the decision to start Ventura in the opener became clear.

Volquez, who will start Game 3 on the road, has lost both of his previous postseason starts.

"Really, your ace is whoever is pitching that particular night. Everybody on your playoff roster is there to help you win games," said Royals general manager Dayton Moore when asked about Cueto starting Game 2. "We're going to need everyone in our rotation."

Yost was still considering the rest of his playoff roster Tuesday, though he did say it would not depend on whether New York or Houston wins the AL wildcard game.

The bigger issue for Yost was finding the right balance between speed and power off the bench.

"We like the speed aspect. You like to have the extra bat, too," he said. "But sometimes you have to choose between one or the other. We'll make a final decision on that probably tomorrow." □



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Chancellor's big play allows Seahawks to beat Tiger 13-10

TIM BOOTH

AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE (AP) — Seattle safety Kam Chancellor knocked the ball from the hands of Detroit's Calvin Johnson at the 1-yard line to prevent the Lions taking the lead, and the Seahawks held on for a 13-10 win on Monday.

With Detroit on the verge of capping a 91-yard drive with the go-ahead touchdown with less than 2 minutes remaining, Chancellor came from the side and punched the ball from Johnson's arm as he was diving into the end zone. The ball was then guided over the back line by K.J. Wright for a touchback and Seattle's ball at the 20. Wright could have been called for illegal touching for hitting the ball out of the end zone, which would have given the ball back to Detroit.

But no flags were thrown and on the ensuing possession, Russell Wilson found Jermaine Kearse for 50 yards on third down. With Detroit out of timeouts, the Seahawks (2-2) ran off the final seconds of their second straight win.

Detroit fell to 0-4 for its worst start since 2010 — when the Lions also lost their first four on their way to a 6-10 season — and with a schedule that offers little relief going forward.

It was a winning but ugly performance by the home team, filled with offensive mistakes and two fourth-quarter fumbles by Wilson, the second returned 27 yards for a touchdown by Caraun Reid to pull Detroit



Seattle Seahawks strong safety Kam Chancellor (31) knocks the ball loose from Detroit Lions wide receiver Calvin Johnson (81) in the second half of an NFL football game, Monday, Oct. 5, 2015, in Seattle. The fumble went out of bounds in the end zone and was ruled a touchback. The Seahawks beat the Lions 13-10.

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to 13-10.

However, Seattle's defense stood up.

The Lions converted a big third down on Golden Tate's 22-yard catch-and-run and reached the Seattle 46-yard line with 3 minutes left. Matthew Stafford then zipped a pass to third-string tight end Tim Wright down the seam for 26 yards to the Seattle 20 with 2:30 remaining.

The Lions to the Seattle 11 and on third-and-1, Stafford passed to an open Johnson. As he stretched for the goal line while being tackled, Chancellor came across and knocked the ball free.

Seattle has not allowed an offensive touchdown in the two games since Chancellor ended his holdout over a contractual dispute, and has forced 18 punts during

that stretch.

Wilson threw for 287 yards and rushed for another 40 yards. Wilson's most memorable play was spinning free of two near sacks and finding Kearse for 34 yards in the second quarter, and then hitting Doug Baldwin on a 24-yard TD on the next play.

Seattle running back Marshawn Lynch missed a game for the first time in

four years due to back problems that flared up during the pregame warmup. His replacement Thomas Rawls struggled against the strong Lions defense, gaining just 48 yards on 17 carries.

Stafford was 24 of 35 for 203 yards for Detroit, which lost starting tight end Eric Ebron and both starting defensive tackles Haloti Ngata and Tyrann Walker to injuries. □

Dustin Johnson back on a team after 2-year absence



United States' Phil Mickelson waits to tee off during his final practice round ahead of the Presidents Cup golf tournament at the Jack Nicklaus Golf Club Korea, in Incheon, South Korea, Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015.

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AP Golf Writer

INCHEON, South Korea (AP)

— Dustin Johnson hasn't lost a match while playing for the United States in nearly four years.

Part of that is because he's very good.

Any discussion about American talent in golf would have to include the 31-year-old Johnson, who has won in every PGA Tour season since he was a rookie in 2008 fresh out of Coastal Carolina. He has chased majors, falling short either by bad luck (Chambers Bay), a bad shot (Royal St. George's), bad golf (Pebble Beach) or a bad setup (bunkers at Whistling Straits).

But there's another reason that Johnson hasn't lost a match in so long. He hasn't played a team event since the 2012 Ryder Cup at Medinah.

Johnson was left off the Presidents Cup team two years ago when he finished 12th in the U.S. standings, and captain Fred Couples passed over Johnson and Jim Furyk in favor of 20-year-old rookie Jordan Spieth.

"I was pretty (upset) I didn't

get picked," Johnson said with a laugh. "Why you got to bring that up?"

And then last year involved extenuating, if not mysterious, circumstances. He easily would have qualified for the team except for taking an indefinite leave from golf to seek professional help from what he described only as "personal challenges."

Even so, the record shows that Charl Schwartzel is the last player to beat him, in Sunday singles at Royal Melbourne in 2011. Johnson went 3-0 at Medinah the following year, one of only three Americans to win a singles match in Europe's record-tying comeback.

"Even though it's been a little bit, it didn't feel like it's been that long," Johnson said. "It's the same guys, kind of the same team."

Not really.

Only six American players are at the Jack Nicklaus Golf Club Korea who were on the last team that included Johnson. Even last year, three players who had been considered regulars for the Ryder Cup or Presidents Cup didn't make the team.

Zach Johnson was stunned

to hear that Dustin Johnson hasn't played in these team events in three years, until he gave it some more thought.

"It's surprising to a degree," he said. "It's just an illustration of how deep and how good the PGA Tour is."

Hunter Mahan was in seven of the last eight team competitions — he only missed Medinah in 2012 — and wasn't even part of the conversation this year. Mahan struggled with a growing family and his game and missed the Tour Championship for the first time since the FedEx Cup began in 2007. He ended last year at No. 22 in the world, and now is struggling to stay in the top 50.

Keegan Bradley made an auspicious Ryder Cup debut in 2012 with Phil Mickelson, played on the next two teams and is fading from view. Bradley hasn't won a tournament since the Bridgestone Invitational three years ago.

Webb Simpson missed his first team this year since 2010.

Tiger Woods has been dealing with his own set of circumstances, mostly injuries

that have kept him out of the game or kept him from playing the game like he once did. He was last seen in team uniform at Muirfield Village two years ago with Sammy the squirrel on his shoulder. Woods missed a big chunk of 2014 recovering from back surgery, and he made the cut (with only one top 10) in the 11 tournaments he played this year.

It was no less gratifying for

the big-hitting Johnson when he checked in at the team hotel Sunday night after his long flight from Los Angeles, stuck his head in the team room to catch up with the rest of the Americans and then dress in uniform for a practice round that included Jimmy Walker, Chris Kirk and Patrick Reed. Those are three guys with whom Johnson has never played in a team competition. □

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Pressing Down

By: Dr Carlos Viana

In the late fifties attending the Miami Country Day School or Boys in Miami Shores I woke up one morning in my dormitory with a fever and the classical symptoms of measles the three Cs—cough, coryza (runny nose) and conjunctivitis (red eyes). Of course those were the days, before the MMS vaccine when children were still allowed to get measles. I duly reported to the infirmary to sweat out my fever that would last at least three days.

Five days later, I was still in the infirmary. My bout with the virus had been uncomplicated, yet the physician who came in every afternoon hearing I was still sleeping most of the day, would not order my discharge from the school infirmary. The doctor made sure I had not had diarrhea checked me carefully with his stethoscope for pneumonia. He knew complications are usually more severe amongst adults who catch the virus and that the fatality rate from measles in children or for otherwise healthy people in developed countries is low. Why was I still lethargic?

Asking some questions about my home back in Aruba, I heard the good doctor, on his way out of the infirmary arguing with the school nurse. Several minutes later with much complaining the nurse brought me a cup of coffee laden with milk and sugar. Even though she had been told that coffee and milk was usual breakfast beverage for Hispanic children; this matron was devoutly against giving coffee to children. Astutely aware of cultural differences among Hispanics, even

before the Cuban exodus to Miami, the school doctor had chosen correctly a food that would pull me out of my funk. Within an hour I was wide awake a clamoring to be able to join my school mates.

What the insightful school doctor had realized is that I was clinically depressed. Our word depression comes from the Latin word "deprimere" which means to "press down". Perhaps this comes from the realization that people can feel that life is pressing them down. Many people identify the feeling of being depressed as "being blue", "feeling sad for no reason", or "having no motivation to do anything". Indeed, many symptoms of depression include feeling sad or blue, anxiety or irritability, or feelings of worthlessness or excessive guilt. When a person has thoughts of death or suicide they usually can figure out that something is not right with them.

However, in our grass-roots clinic I diagnose patients as suffering from a stagnation of Liver chi. This indicates that the energy within the body is not flowing smoothly and results in the symptoms of depression even when patients themselves do not recognize this. As a result of Liver Chi Stagnation, the Heart, Spleen a/or Kidney systems may also be effected.

Symptoms may include significant weight loss or weight gain, explained by Tradition Chinese Medical physicians as weaknesses in the Spleen, short-term, it may lead to problems with fatigue and digestion. Long-term problems related to mucus, which could affect the mind in ways such as muddling the think-

ing. Longer term weaknesses in the Spleen may also begin to effect the quality of blood in the body which can strongly influence the heart system causing symptoms such as insomnia a/or restlessness. So, insomnia or excessive sleeping are additional symptoms of depression.

Fatigue or loss of energy can reflect an imbalance in the Kidney energy. If left untreated, the Kidneys inability to nourish Liver energy produces a definite loss of interest or pleasure in usual activities. Women who have lost their interest and pleasure in sex usually excuse their position as being "too tired". The Kidneys, being strongly related to the foundations of Yin and Yang, the combined forms of life energy in your body, are also likely to play a role in the ability to climax and vaginal lubrication.

Some of the common lifestyle habits which may contribute to this are: lack of exercise, poor dietary habits - especially fried foods and foods not meant for our metabolic type, alcohol and other drugs, including some prescription medications and repressed or overly expressed emotions, especially anger or grief. People who realize they are in a funk are better prepared to help themselves. Clinical depression, where physical symptoms of depression are present can be more serious than normal depressed feelings because it often leads to constant negative thinking and often substance abuse.

Regardless of the cause, regular medicine treats both acknowledged and clinical depression with antidepressant medication



which, unfortunately, are risky. In 2005, the Food and Drug Administration issued a warning of possible increased suicide risk in adults taking antidepressants and an increased suicide risk in children. With such overwhelming evidence against the prescription of the newer antidepressants, why would physicians prescribe such drugs or patients take them?

There are other ways to treat depression, including acupuncture treatments, counseling and natural herbal treatments. An important caution is that no food based supplement that is effective in treating depression should be taken together with antidepressant medication, since they could compound the negative side effects. This is especially relevant with St. John's wort.

In our clinic we use a combination of diet and acupuncture to rebalance the energy of your body and to support you as you transition off antidepressant medication. Once the metabolites or chemical traces of antidepressant medication are out of your body we recommend SAME, s-adenosylmethionine, and 5-HTP, 5-Hydroxytryptophan. SAME is a substance that occurs naturally in the body and that can be taken as a supplement. 5-HTP is a naturally-occurring amino acid. Studies have demonstrated that neither of these substances have

the side effects of antidepressant medication and both are effective as natural antidepressants, appetite suppressants, and sleep aids.

Get The Point! Often, individuals who live in modern society become stressed beyond the natural bounds of a healthy physiology. Regardless of the origin of the stress, or if we consciously recognize that we are depressed the effects may very well be the same. Aggressive antidepressant medication advertisement promises to get you out of your funk by taking their little pill. However, the small print paints a more dangerous picture. For a safer alternative for your symptoms, call for an appointment.

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Toyota shows self-driving technology being readied for 2020

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TOKYO (AP) — Toyota unveiled its vision for self-driving cars in a challenge to other automakers as well as industry newcomer Google Inc., promising to start selling such vehicles in Japan by 2020.

Toyota Motor Corp. demonstrated on a regular Tokyo freeway Tuesday what it called the "mobility teammate concept," meaning the driver and the artificial intelligence in a sensor-packed car work together as a team.

In the demonstration, a Lexus drove itself within the 60 kpm (37 mph) speed limit for about 10 minutes, changing lanes, braking and steering. The human at the wheel did nothing except turn on a button to kick in the technology.

Toyota's plans are part of a larger Japanese government initiative to pioneer automated driving in time for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

It also marks a shift for Toyota, which has been working on such technology since the 1990s but with great caution, warning that the idea of a driverless car was unrealistic, even dangerous.

With the advancement of sensors and telecommunications, such technology has been increasingly catching on, particularly as a safety measure in hard to execute maneuvers such as parking.

"Our goal is to offer the freedom of movement to everyone, including the elderly and the disabled," said Chief Safety Technology Officer Moritaka Yoshida.

But he acknowledged that the technology was not yet ready to be used on roads with pedestrians and



Dashboard panel of Toyota Motor Corp.'s automated driving test vehicle shows the vehicle detecting other vehicle during a test drive of Toyota's self-driving technologies in Tokyo, Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2015.

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bicyclists. Along with curbing emissions with plug-in hybrids and fuel cell vehicles, self-driving technology is a focus of research for the auto industry. Both will be highlighted in the upcoming Tokyo Motor Show, which opens to the public later this month.

Google is also testing and refining self-driving technology, putting pressure on the auto industry to innovate. Toyota demonstrated another futuristic automated technology called Intelligent Transportation System, which it has been testing on roads in the Toy-

ota city area and Tokyo.

The system will be offered as an option in three models going on sale in Japan later this year, including the Crown luxury model.

Tests are starting in the U.S., but sales plans are not yet decided.

A vehicle equipped with that technology communicates with sensory-transmission equipment at street corners that detects oncoming cars, as well as pedestrians, and warns the vehicle through data transmission. The warning appears as an image on the dashboard, and the car

beeps. It is useful in alerting drivers to cars and pedestrians popping out from blind spots.

The technology can also be used for cars to communicate with each other, and fine-tune cruise control, so that the car in the back responds more quickly if two cars driving on the same street are equipped with this technology.

Toyota officials said the technology has tremendous potential to reduce accidents, although it is unlikely to have much of an effect in the beginning because the transmission sen-

sors are installed in only 20 places, including 15 in Toyota's headquarters area.

The plan is to expand that to 50 places in Japan by spring 2016, according to Toyota.

Nissan has also demonstrated car-detection technology on Yokohama roads, but using a different beaming technology. Toyota's new transmission system uses a different standard that will be open for use by all automakers in Japan. In Japan, accidents at intersections account for about 40 percent of all traffic accidents. □

US group: Put Alibaba site back on "notorious" fakes list

HONG KONG (AP) — A clothing and shoe industry group is calling for the U.S. government to put Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba's Taobao site back on its list of "Notorious Markets" for counterfeit goods. The American Apparel and Footwear Association said Tuesday that "counterfeits remain rampant" on Taobao three years after it was taken off the list. The group urged the U.S.

Trade Representative to return Alibaba to its list of online and physical marketplaces that reportedly engage in or facilitate substantial copyright piracy and trademark counterfeiting. Fakes have been a long-running problem for Alibaba Group. Taobao was first added to the list in 2011 and removed a year later after the company worked with trademark owners to

clean up the site. "Our members face enormous difficulty working with Taobao in solving the problem of counterfeits, meanwhile illegal merchandise continues to proliferate," the association's president, Juanita Duggan, said in a statement. "The sheer volume of counterfeits on the site as reported by our members, along with the company's unwillingness to make seri-

ous reforms" is behind the group's decision to call for Taobao's reinstatement to the list, she said. Members have complained about "the slow, sluggish, and confusing systems Taobao uses to process takedown requests" for offending listings, the group said. It represents brands such as American Eagle, Jockey, Macy's and Abercrombie and Fitch. Alibaba said in a statement

that it's ready to discuss problems with the group, "however for months they have refused to meet with us." Earlier this year, French luxury products group Kering SA, which owns Gucci and Yves Saint Laurent, filed suit in a New York Court against Alibaba, accusing it of profiting from sales of counterfeits despite its pledge to combat fakes. □

A rally in energy stocks doesn't lift broader market

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NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks paused Tuesday, closing moderately lower after five straight days of gains. DuPont and energy companies rose sharply, but the overall market was weighed down by health-care stocks, especially biotechnology companies. Investors remain mostly in standby mode, with the closely watched minutes from the Federal Reserve's September meeting coming out on Thursday and third-quarter company earnings just around the corner.

The Dow Jones industrial average added 13.76 points, or 0.1 percent, to 16,790.19. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 7.13 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,979.92 and the Nasdaq composite lost 32.90 points,



Traders Glenn Kessler, left, and Kevin Lodewick work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. U.S. stocks paused Tuesday, closing moderately lower after five straight days of gains.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

or 0.7 percent, to 4,748.36. The biggest gainer in the S&P 500 and Dow was chemical giant DuPont, which rose \$3.93, or nearly

8 percent, to \$55.21. DuPont's CEO Ellen Kullman announced she would retire effective next week. DuPont's profits have lagged

in recent years, and the company has been a target of activist investors like Nelsen Peltz. Biotechnology stocks were

hit hard. The Nasdaq Biotechnology Index fell nearly 4 percent after the recently announced 12-nation Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal provided only eight years of certain kinds of drug patent protection, less than the 12 years that the industry was lobbying for.

Biotech stocks have been hammered in recent months because of investor concerns that the industry might face more scrutiny from Washington over its drug pricing practices. The index is down 24 percent from its peak in late July.

Barring some geopolitical crisis or massive company news, the next major move for the market will likely come Thursday, when investors will get the minutes from the Fed's latest policy meeting in September. □

Wal-Mart expands protein bars to main grocery aisles

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NEW YORK (AP) — Protein and health bars at Wal-Mart are getting ready for prime time. The world's largest retailer plans to expand its offering of bars like Special K and Clif beyond the over-the-counter section that features diet supplements to the more visible main grocery aisles of some of its stores, starting in January. Wal-Mart is also considering eventually placing these nutritional bars near the cash registers. The move comes as the

world's largest retailer, along with many other rivals, are going on a health kick aimed at their customers as they fight to grab more of their share of the wellness and healthy food business. Target Corp. announced last month that it was pushing granola bars and healthy grab-and-go snacks over candy at the checkout aisles in 30 of its stores. And CVS Health Corp. is also adding more fresh foods and healthier snacks at many of its locations while moving bagged candy out of prime store

space in the first aisle. As part of this overall push, Wal-Mart Stores Inc., based in Bentonville, Arkansas, also said Tuesday that it will be offering free blood glucose, blood pressure, and vision screening at all of its 4,400 stores on Saturday. In addition, more than 10,000 of Wal-Mart licensed pharmacists will offer immunizations in select stores for a fee. Calling it "America's biggest health fair," the event has expanded from its first health fair last year when it was held in 2,200 stores. Over the past year, Wal-

Mart has been expanding its preventative and wellness products like specialty prescriptions. "Customer behavior is changing," said Michelle Gloeckler, executive vice president of consumables and health and wellness at Wal-Mart's U.S. division during a conference call with reporters. "Customers are taking an active role in their health." For the second year in a row, Wal-Mart will be working with DirectHealth.com, an online health insurance comparison site and agency, to allow shoppers

to compare coverage options and enroll in Medicare plans or public exchange plans created under the Affordable Care Act. Customers can enroll online or by phone or at more than 2,400 stores, from Oct. 15 through Jan. 31. New this year, DirectHealth is working with Jackson Hewitt to staff licensed insurance agents in about 250 stores. These agents will help navigate shoppers with more than 70,000 Health Exchange plans available to them as well as help customers older than 65 enroll for Medicare. □

Yum's stock plunges after KFC parent's slow China recovery

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Shares of Yum Brand plunged in late trading Tuesday after the owner of KFC, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell cut its profit outlook for the year, citing a slower-than-expected comeback for its key China division.

The company said it now expects full-year earnings per share to rise in the low-single-digit percentages. It had previously forecast growth of at least 10 percent for the year, based on expectations at the time for a strong recovery by its stores in China, which have been hit by scares over food quality.

In the latest quarter, however, the company said sales in China rose just 2 percent at established locations, reflecting a 3 percent increase at KFC and 1 percent decline at Pizza Hut. For the full year, the company said it expects China's overall sales at established locations to be negative. Yum, based in Louisville, Kentucky, has been trying to win back customers after negative publicity stemming from food supply controversies. In the year-ago quarter, sales in China fell 14 percent at established locations.

Jonathan Blum, chief public affairs officer for Yum Brands Inc., attributed the performance in China to a mix of external factors, such as the Chinese economy, as well as internal issues, such as the execution of marketing for Pizza Hut. He declined to provide further details ahead of Yum's analyst conference call scheduled for Wednesday morning.

In the U.S., Blum said Taco Bell and KFC saw positive sales gains, while Pizza Hut remained relatively flat.

For the quarter ended Sept. 5, the company said it earned \$421 million, or 95 cents per share. Not including one-time items, it earned \$1 per share. Analysts on average expected \$1.07 per share, according to analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research. □

PepsiCo boosted by smaller chip bags, non-soda drinks

PURCHASE, N.Y. (AP) — Smaller bags of potato chips and drinks that do not have Pepsi printed on them are helping push up PepsiCo's sales.

PepsiCo Inc. said Tuesday that snack volume in North America rose by 0.5 percent for the third quarter, while pricing pushed

a volume increase of 3 percent in the quarter, while higher pricing pushed up revenue by 5 percent.

Chief Financial Officer Hugh Johnston said the volume increase in its flagship region was driven by a nearly 10 percent rise in non-carbonated drinks, while sodas saw a 1.9 per-

too early to tell how that sweetener change will affect sales of the drink. Coca-Cola Co., based in Atlanta, reports its third-quarter results Oct. 21.

Meanwhile, CEO Indra Nooyi noted that the beverage industry is shifting away from sodas to non-carbonated drinks such as

sults were better than Wall Street expected as the maker of Quaker Oats and Mountain Dew soda hiked prices and trimmed costs.

The company raised its 2015 earnings growth target, citing its year-to-date results and updated outlook.

For the period, PepsiCo earned \$533 million, or 36 cents per share. That compares with \$2.01 billion, or \$1.38 per share, a year earlier.

Stripping out one-time charges, it said earnings were \$1.35 per share, which was 9 cents better than Wall Street had expected, according to a poll by Zacks Investment Research.

Total revenue declined to \$16.33 billion from \$17.22 billion, stung by the impact of foreign currency translation, but was not as bad as Wall Street expected.

Venezuela, which has been trying to get control of hyperinflation for years, is using capital controls that have created issues for corporations.

PepsiCo said it will no longer include the results of its local Venezuelan subsidiaries and joint venture in its financial statements and will include only revenue relating to those operations to record cash received for those sales.

PepsiCo Inc. now anticipates a 9 percent increase in 2015 core earnings per share growth, on a constant currency basis. Its prior outlook was for an 8 percent rise.

The company's stock rose 2 percent to \$97.75 Tuesday. □



Pepsi bottles are on display at a supermarket in Haverhill, Mass. PepsiCo reported quarterly financial results on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2015.

(AP Photo/Elise Amendola)

up sales for the division by 2 percent. The maker of Frito-Lay chips has been increasing options on sizes, offering Lay's potato chips in a bag that is two ounces smaller than the traditional 10-ounce bag.

Tom Greco, the head of Frito-Lay North America said last month that the company is shaking up bag sizes because of shrinking U.S. households, but also to improve margins for retailers. The company's drinks unit for North America, which includes Gatorade and Aquafina water, also had

cent decline.

Within sodas, Johnston said full-calorie drinks declined 1 percent while diet sodas fell 6.5 percent.

Both Coca-Cola and PepsiCo are facing an ongoing decline in soda consumption in the U.S., and more recently, a move away from traditional diet sodas. PepsiCo has blamed the latter trend on worries about aspartame, and this summer replaced the ingredient in Diet Pepsi with sucralose, a different artificial sweetener.

The company said it is

bottled teas. PepsiCo has said it stands to benefit from the trend, given the popularity of drinks like its Gatorade.

"I think focusing on just (carbonated soft drinks) is a thing of the past," Nooyi said.

For the quarter ended Sept. 5, PepsiCo's profit nevertheless plunged after it wrote down investments in Venezuela, taking a charge of \$1.4 billion, or 92 cents per share, and continued to struggle with unfavorable currency exchange rates. But re-

Freeport-McMoRan considers exiting oil and gas

NEW YORK (AP) — Freeport-McMoRan said Tuesday that it is considering spinning off its oil and gas business and other strategic alternative to focus on its copper mining business.

The Phoenix company produces oil and natural gas around the country. Energy companies have been hurt by falling oil prices and

weaker demand. Many have cut spending as a result. Earlier this year, Freeport-McMoRan slashed its quarterly dividend 84 percent because of falling oil prices. And in August, Freeport-McMoRan announced a cost-cutting plan due to falling copper prices and soft economic conditions. That same

month, activist investor Carl Icahn disclosed that he bought an 8.5 percent stake in the company and planned to discuss possible cuts in the company's operations.

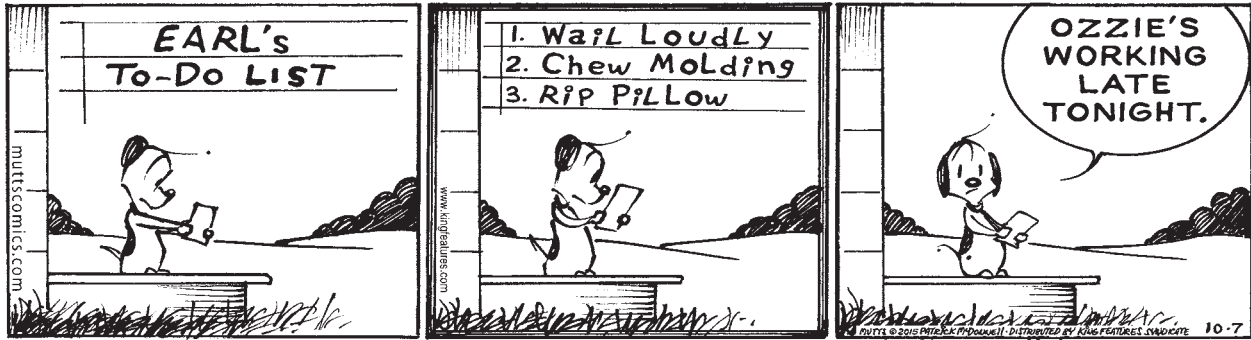
Besides a spinoff, Freeport-McMoRan said it is also considering joint venture arrangements or cutting spending in the oil and

gas business.

The company also shook up its board of directors, cutting its size to nine members from 16.

Shares of Freeport-McMoRan Inc. rose 43 cents, or 3.9 percent, to \$11.61 in morning trading Tuesday. Its shares are down about 50 percent since the beginning of the year. □

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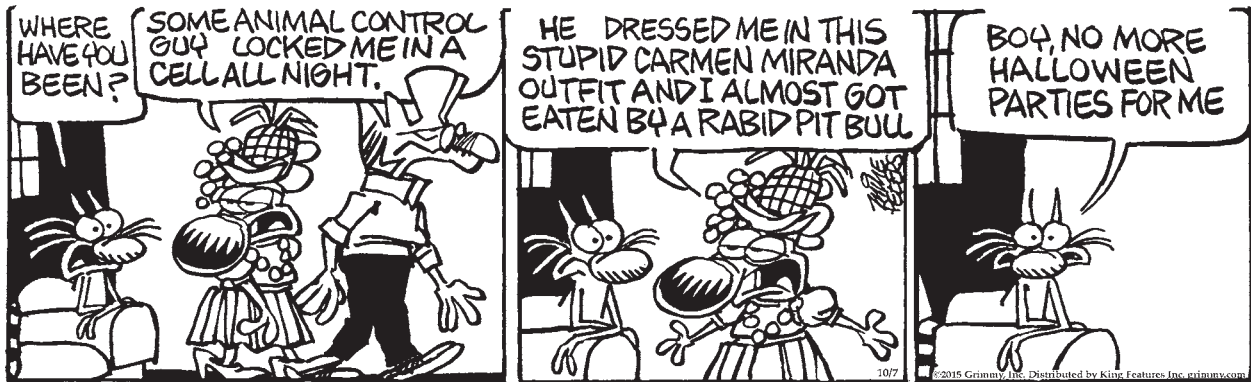
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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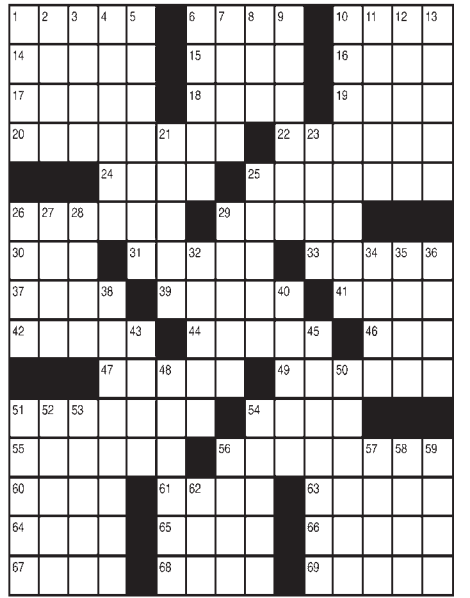
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ACROSS

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- Skiff or canoe
- Keep an ice cream cone from dripping
- Amphitheater
- Long story
- Prefix for war or histamine
- Hobbies
- Made fun of
- As comfortable old shoe
- Meals
- Formed a spiral
- Religious belief
- Hockey's Bobby
- Actor Matt
- Gets closer to
- Slender
- Malt shop orders
- Twofold
- Actress Cicely
- Speak without preparation
- Enjoy a snow sport
- Very high
- Tried out
- African expeditions
- Finest
- Blood fluid
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- Misfortunes
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- Thick syrup
- Locations
- Standard
- Member of the wedding party
- Debauch
- Long step
- Church steeple
- Metal mixture
- Not true
- VP Joe
- Sand mound
- Shade trees
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- Viral disease

Colombia prosecutor calls for probe of ex-President Uribe

BOGOTA (AP) — Colombia's public prosecutor on Tuesday called for an investigation into whether former President Alvaro Uribe was linked to a massacre carried out by paramilitaries in 1997. The prosecutor's office asked the Supreme Court to look into whether Uribe was somehow connected to the attack that left 15 peasants dead in the hamlet of El Aro, in the state of Antioquia, near Medellin. At the time, victims said armed men burned homes, raped women and killed farmers

indiscriminately during the two-day rampage. They also said they saw a government helicopter circling overhead as the carnage took place. Uribe was president until 2010, and is now a senator who helps lead the South American country's right wing. He was governor of Antioquia the time of the massacre.

A local court earlier this year requested a similar probe of Uribe's possible involvement, citing the presence of the government helicopter at the scene of the killing. □

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Nobel Prize for key discoveries about subatomic particles

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Associated Press

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Two scientists won the Nobel Prize in physics Tuesday for key discoveries about a cosmic particle that whizzes through space at nearly the speed of light, passing easily through Earth and even your body.

Takaaki Kajita of Japan and Arthur McDonald of Canada were honored for showing that these tiny particles, called neutrinos, have mass. That's the quality we typically experience as weight.

"The discovery has changed our understanding of the innermost workings of matter and can prove crucial to our view of the universe," the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said in awarding the prize.

The work dispelled the long-held notion that neutrinos had no mass.

Neutrinos come in three types, or "flavors," and what the scientists actually showed is that neutrinos spontaneously shift between types. That in turn means they must have mass.

Kajita, 56, is director of the Institute for Cosmic Ray Research and professor at the University of Tokyo. McDonald, 72, is a professor emeritus at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. McDonald told reporters in Stockholm by phone that the discovery helped scientists fit neutrinos into theories of fundamental physics.

Kajita, who initially told a news conference at his university that "my mind has gone completely blank. I don't know what to say," went on to stress that many people had

contributed to his work. "The universe where we live in is still full of unknowns," he said. "A major discovery cannot be achieved in a day or two. It takes a lot of people and a long time."

Kamiokande detector in Japan had changed "flavors." Three years later, while working at Canada's Sudbury Neutrino Observatory, McDonald found that neutrinos coming from the sun also switched

clered, "This is really one of the milestones in our understanding of nature." The findings "really inspired a whole global community of scientists to drop what they were doing and try to understand the neutrino,"

his team hopes to start working on next year.

The Nobel winners will split the 8 million Swedish kronor (about \$960,000) prize money. Each winner also gets a diploma and a gold medal at the prize cere-



A screen shows the winners as members of the Nobel Assembly announce the winner of the 2015 Nobel Prize in physics, in Stockholm, Tuesday Oct. 6, 2015.

The existence of neutrinos was first proven in 1956. They come from a variety of sources in the cosmos, on Earth and in Earth's atmosphere. Most that reach Earth were created by nuclear reactions inside the sun. Trillions pass through your body every second.

Kajita showed in 1998 that neutrinos created in Earth's atmosphere and captured at the Super-

identities.

"It changes our understanding of the fundamentals of particle physics, and particles make up everything in the universe," said Robert G.W. Brown, chief executive officer of the American Institute of Physics.

Antonio Ereditato, director of the Albert Einstein Center for Fundamental Physics at the University of Bern, Switzerland, de-

said Joseph Lykken, deputy director of the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia, Illinois.

Still unknown: Just how much do neutrinos weigh? "Neutrinos are a million times lighter than an electron, which is a charged version of a neutrino," said Guido Drexlin, a neutrino expert at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology in Germany. Determining their weight is something

mony on Dec. 10.

On Monday, the Nobel Prize in medicine went to scientists from Japan, the U.S. and China who discovered drugs that are now used to fight malaria and other tropical diseases. The prize announcements continue with chemistry on Wednesday, literature on Thursday, the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday and the economics award next Monday. □

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Fox probing claims 'Maze Runner' cast took artifacts

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Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)

— Representatives from 20th Century Fox are trying to determine if actors took American Indian artifacts while filming "Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials" at a private New Mexico ranch, a ranch manager said Tuesday.

Diamond Tail Ranch manager Roch Hart told The Associated Press that following comments by the film's star, Dylan O'Brien, the studio is investigating claims the cast took artifacts and will seek to return any stolen items.

"They want to make it right," Hart said. "Right now, we don't know if anything was removed, but we are taking the claims very seriously."

During an appearance on "Live with Kelly and Michael" last month, O'Brien said cast members took artifacts from the private ranch north of Albuquerque, despite warnings not to do so.

"They gave us this big speech when we got there to shoot, and they said, 'Don't take anything. Respect the grounds,'" O'Brien said. "They were very strict about littering

and don't take any artifacts like rocks, skulls ... anything like that. And everyone just takes stuff, you know, obviously."

O'Brien, 24, didn't say what was taken, but he said later illnesses were blamed on the artifacts that were removed from the ranch. O'Brien said he also got sick, but it was unclear if he also admitted stealing any items. A representative for O'Brien did not immediately return an email from the AP. Chris Petrikin, a spokesman for 20th Century Fox, also did not immediately return an email from the AP. Diamond Tail



In this Sept. 15, 2015 photo, Dylan O'Brien attends the premiere of "Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials" at the Regal Cinemas E-Walk, in New York.

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Ranch, which sits between the Sandia and San Felipe pueblos, is near the historic Hispanic village of Placitas and an abandoned mining community. □

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'Jay Leno's Garage' rolls into prime-time on CNBC

LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer
BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)

— Jay Leno says it's been easy to lure Francis Ford Coppola, Laurence Fishburne and other famous folks to his new car-centric TV show.

All he has to do is assure them that "Jay Leno's Garage," debuting at 10 p.m. EDT Wednesday on CNBC, won't veer off the road.

"We say, 'We're not gonna talk about show business or your career, we're just going to talk about cars,'" according to Leno. The usual response, he said: "Great!" The Detroit-born Coppola, for example, is a car enthusiast, with his 1988 movie about an independent automaker, "Tucker: The Man and His Dream," just one indication of that.

And there's this fun fact: Coppola's musician-father, Carmine, worked on "The Ford Sunday Evening Hour," a radio series sponsored by automaker Ford. In an "old Italian custom of the day, you named your son after your employer," Leno said, hence the filmmaker's middle name.



This photo provided by CNBC shows, Jay Leno, center, in the episode "Bonelli Park/Low Riders" in season one of "Jay Leno's Garage."

Another guest, Keanu Reeves, is a known gear-head with a start-up motorcycle company, giving Leno a chance to test the bike and hear about the actor's business plans. Despite the celebrities sprinkled into each episode, Leno said, the show isn't designed as a star vehicle.

"It's mostly about interesting people and their relationship with automobiles, be it a love story or one about the first female drag racer," he said.

The series also will look at the past and future of automobiles and showcase Leno's famed and extensive car collection. Car buffs, prepare to drool: On

the electric side alone, he owns a 1909 Baker that can travel 80 miles on a charge and a Tesla with a 300-mile range.

A more tech-centric version of "Jay Leno's Garage" began on YouTube about a decade ago, becoming so popular that Leno decided it was ready for prime time. The rocky moments of his

tenure as "Tonight Show" host (he had the job, then he didn't, then he did again) had no effect on his returning to the NBC corporate fold.

CNBC simply is a good fit for "Jay's Leno Garage," he said, with the right demographic. Or as he more colorfully put it, "it's not housewives yelling at each other."

Despite professing his loyalty to NBC, he couldn't resist taking a dig at the company when he talking to a TV critics' meeting in August. Discussing an episode in which he goes for a 100 mph-plus ride in a self-driving car, Leno quipped, "NBC has been trying to kill me for years."

It's obvious that Leno, unlike his guests, has no qualms about going off topic. He's clearly glad to give a shout-out to his wife, Mavis, a longtime supporter of women's rights in Afghanistan. Her focus now is bringing women and girls to the United States to get the education no longer available to them at home, he said. □

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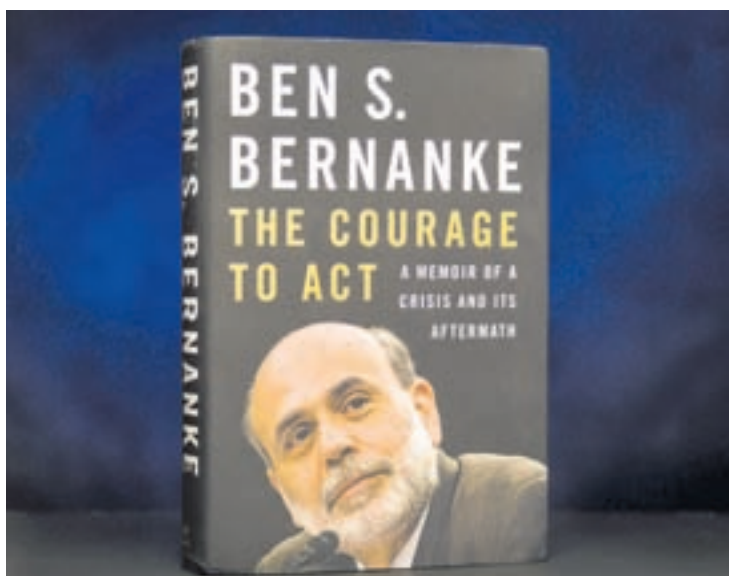
Bernanke defending Fed actions to battle recession

MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke says the U.S. economy is outperforming Europe at the moment because the Fed moved more quickly and aggressively to fight the 2008 financial crisis than Europe did.

Bernanke, writing an opinion piece in the Wall Street Journal on Monday, said that U.S. economic output is 8.9 percent higher than its previous peak before the recession. That is "an enormous difference" from the Eurozone, where output is only 0.8 percent higher than its previous peak.

Bernanke credited those differences to aggressive efforts by the Fed to jumpstart economic growth. He said the Fed started six years ahead of moves by the European Central Bank.



In this photo taken Oct. 1, 2015, Former Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's new book on the financial crisis is photographed in Washington.

Associated Press

In his opinion piece, Bernanke was critical of the fact that for too long, the Fed was the only game in town in terms of pursuing efforts to get the country out of the worst economic downturn since the Great

Depression because of political gridlock in Congress. "Monetary policy (interest rates controlled by the Fed) can no longer be the only game in town. Fiscal policy makers in Congress need to step up," Bernanke wrote.

"We need to do more to improve worker skills, foster capital investment and support research and development."

Bernanke's opinion piece was published Monday, the same day his new book, "The Courage to Act: A Memoir of a Crisis and Its Aftermath" went on sale in bookstores.

The 610-page memoir, which Bernanke began writing after he left the Fed in January 2014, is his defense of the extraordinary measures the Fed employed to rescue the economy after the 2008 financial crisis.

Bernanke said that the weekend in September 2008 when regulators sought desperately but in vain to save investment bank Lehman Brothers was his worst moment in the crisis. He said he was concerned that the failure of

Lehman, the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history, could send the entire economy into another Great Depression like the 1930s.

"I was very worried," Bernanke said in an interview Monday with CNBC. "My whole background as an academic was studying the Great Depression, studying financial panics, their effect on the economy. And I saw we were having the grand-daddy of all financial panics about to explode on us and I thought the consequences would be tremendous."

In the interview, Bernanke refused to second-guess the job being done by his successor, Janet Yellen. But he generally expressed support for the Fed's current stance of making sure low inflation is headed back to the Fed's 2 percent goal before starting to raise interest rates. □



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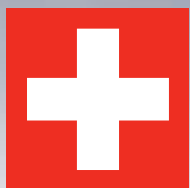
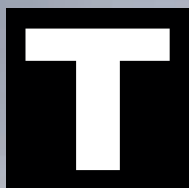


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